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SUBJECT: SCA Wage Determinations for Occupations in Forestry for the 2002-2003 Season

1. **Purpose.** To provide the States with updated information regarding the Service Contract Act (SCA) prevailing wages for occupations in forestry. SCA wage rates may be found on the Department's website at www.ows.doleta.gov.
2. **Background.** The attached information provides the SCA determinations, which should be used in processing forestry H-2B applications.
3. **SCA Prevailing Wages.** Disputes about an SCA prevailing wage should be referred to the Wage and Hour Division of the Employment Standards Administration (ESA), but can only be filed by an employer who is currently bidding on a federal contract. The Regional Office will be responsible for communicating any changes in SCA wages to the States.
4. **Action Required.** SWAs are requested to provide this information to local Workforce Agencies and prevailing wage specialists for approximate.
6. **Inquiries.** Inquiries about this issuance should be directed to Val Castaneda at (617) 565-2265 or vcastaneda@doleta.gov.
7. **Attachment.** Tree Planters & Pre Commercial Thinners Wage Determinations.

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Attachment

**Tree Planter and Pre Commercial Thinners
Wage Determination**

Region I

Connecticut	\$ 8.49 Tree Planter \$10.40 Pre Commercial Thinner
Maine	\$ 8.27 Tree Planter \$10.13 Pre Commercial Thinner
Massachusetts	\$ 8.43 Tree Planter \$10.33 Pre Commercial Thinner
New Hampshire	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
Vermont	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner

Region II

Maryland	\$ 7.44 Tree Planter \$ 10.10 Pre Commercial Thinner
Pennsylvania	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.98 Pre Commercial Thinner
Virginia	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner

(Excluding the following counties: Albermarle, Brunswick, Caroline, Charles City, Charlotte, Charlottesville, Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex, Fluvanna, Fredericksburg, Goochland, Greensville, Halifax, Hampton, Henrico, Hopewell, King William, King and Queen, Lancaster, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Nottoway, Orange, Petersburg, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Sussex, Westmoreland.)

Virginia	\$ 7.67 Tree Planter \$ 9.40 Pre Commercial Thinner
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Virginia

King William, King and Queen, Lancaster, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Nottoway, Orange, Petersburg, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Sussex, Westmoreland.)

West Virginia	\$ 8.15 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.98 Pre Commercial Thinner

Region III

Alabama	\$ 8.64 Tree Planter
	\$10.58 Pre Commercial Thinner

Florida	\$ 8.09 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.91 Pre Commercial Thinner

Georgia	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner

Kentucky	\$ 8.18 Tree Planter
	\$10.02 Pre Commercial Thinner

Mississippi	\$ 7.90 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.67 Pre Commercial Thinner

South Carolina	\$ 7.66 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.38 Pre Commercial Thinner

Tennessee	\$ 8.18 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.44 Pre Commercial Thinner

Region IV

Arkansas	\$ 8.43 Tree Planter
	\$ 8.57 Pre Commercial Thinner

Colorado	\$ 8.12 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.95 Pre Commercial Thinner

Louisiana	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter
	\$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner

Montana	\$10.94 Tree Planter
	\$11.26 Pre Commercial Thinner

New Mexico	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
North Dakota	\$10.23 Tree Planter \$10.23 Pre Commercial Thinner
Oklahoma	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
South Dakota	\$ 8.73 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
Texas	\$ 8.22 Tree Planter \$10.07 Pre Commercial Thinner
Utah	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
Wyoming	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner

Region V

Indian	\$ 8.17 Tree Planter \$10.00 Pre Commercial Thinner
Michigan	\$ 9.30 Tree Planter \$11.33 Pre Commercial Thinner
Minnesota	\$ 8.15 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
Missouri	\$ 7.43 Tree Planter \$ 9.10 Pre Commercial Thinner
Nebraska	\$ 7.87 Tree Planter \$ 9.63 Pre Commercial Thinner
Ohio	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
Wisconsin	\$ 8.33 Tree Planter \$ 9.52 Pre Commercial Thinner

Region VI

Alaska	\$11.15 Tree Planter \$11.15 Pre Commercial Thinner
Arizona	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
California	\$10.59 Tree Planter \$11.92 Pre Commercial Thinner
Idaho	\$10.87 Tree Planter \$12.60 Pre Commercial Thinner
Nevada	\$ 7.98 Tree Planter \$ 9.77 Pre Commercial Thinner
Orego	\$11.25 Tree Planter \$12.42 Pre Commercial Thinner
Washington	\$11.31 Tree Planter \$11.32 Pre Commercial Thinner